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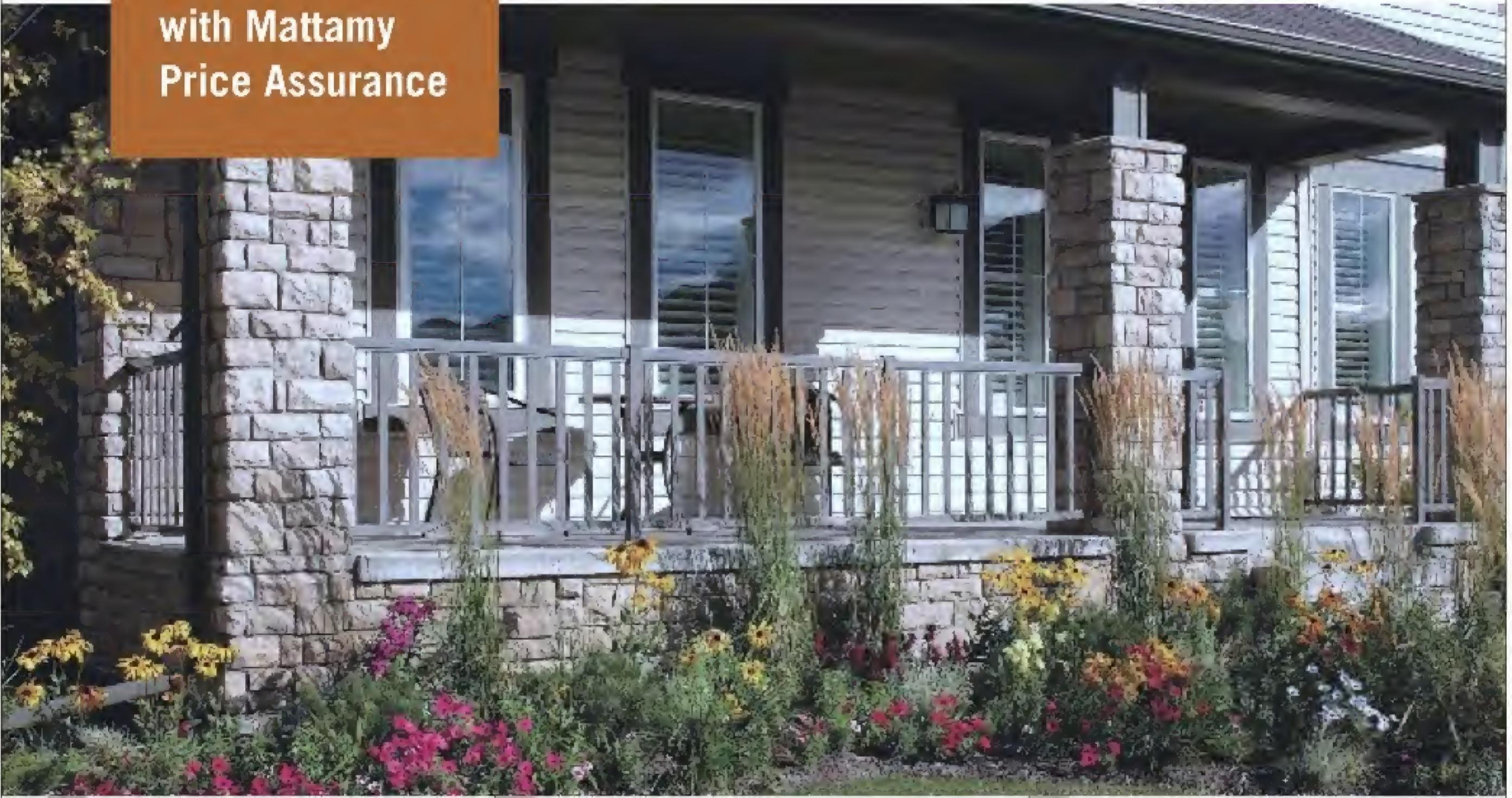
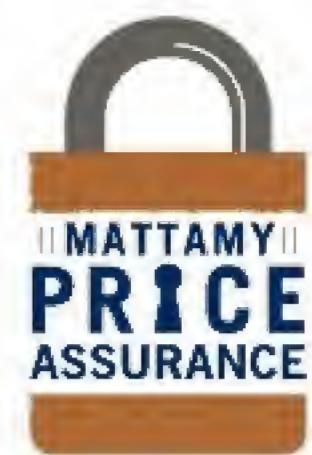
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Man faces big bill after attack

ASSAULT

Manager set up crowdfunding to help new employee

Autumn Fox

For Metro | Calgary

A Calgary man faces a hefty dental bill after an assault outside his home left him with four broken front teeth over the weekend.

Todd Binning was awoken after midnight on Saturday, March 18, when he heard his car alarm go off from the carport of his condo building in

Lower Mount Royal.

"My memory is not too clear on exactly what happened, but I had approached my car and I was cold-cocked by someone that was tampering with it," said Binning.

Between the flashing of the vehicle's lights and the blaring alarm, Binning said he was not able to get a clear look at his assailant before or after being hit in the face, and is not sure if a weapon was used in the attack.

Despite the alarm, no passersby or neighbours came to his aid, but he managed to crawl back into his apartment where he promptly blacked out.

Binning came to shortly, confused and believing he must

have taken a fall in his kitchen. It was then that details of the assault slowly started coming back to him and he called Calgary Police Service.

It was a trip to the dentist two days later where he discovered the cost to repair or replace his front teeth would be approximately \$8,000 — a steep price tag without health insurance.

Binning had started a new job just two weeks prior, meaning his dental benefits would not kick in until he had been in the position for six months.

"I'm in a considerable amount of pain. I'm in sales, so the damage looks horrendous obviously," said Binning.

Knowing Binning had endured several setbacks throughout the previous year and would not be able to foot the bill on his own, his manager, Jordan Lypchuk, decided to set up a GoFundMe account to help raise the money.

"It's been an overwhelming amount of support," said Binning.



A run-in with a would-be car thief resulted in Todd Binning breaking all of his front teeth — and a huge bill to repair the damage. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

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Todd Binning

TERROR ATTACK

Calgary man describes 'unnerving' atmosphere in London

 **Lucie Edwardson**
Metro | Calgary

A Calgary man living in London says the atmosphere in the city is "unnerved and overtly tense" following a terror attack at Westminster Bridge Wednesday morn-

ning. The attack left at least five people dead and British parliament in lockdown.

Oje Hart, son of Owen Hart — legendary Calgarian and professional wrestler — is currently studying in London. He said he's never been in close proximity to "anything regarding terror."

Hart said when he woke up

Wednesday morning it "felt like any other day," but as he walked to King's Cross Station he overheard panicked phone calls and conversations.

"I heard Westminster and terrorist," he said.

Hart said from the time he walked into the ticket queues and out there were "multiple

police crews who were walking with heavy artillery."

"It was an eerie sight," he said. "Especially after having heard the agent say to the other that there was actually a threat."

According to Hart the city — more specifically fellow passengers at King's Cross Station — were veiled in an "unspoken

semblance of temperamental solemnity" after the news of the attack broke and reopened wounds of the 2005 terror attack on the station.

"It bound us all together and could only be brought about by a mutual feeling of suspicion and fear of the unknown," he said.

It appeared to Hart that people

only looked up from their screens when they wanted to "verify" those around them.

"Because Kings Cross was the area of a prior attack in 2005, so the mood was very unsettling," he said, adding that the Facebook check-in feature was helpful in letting friends and family know he was safe.

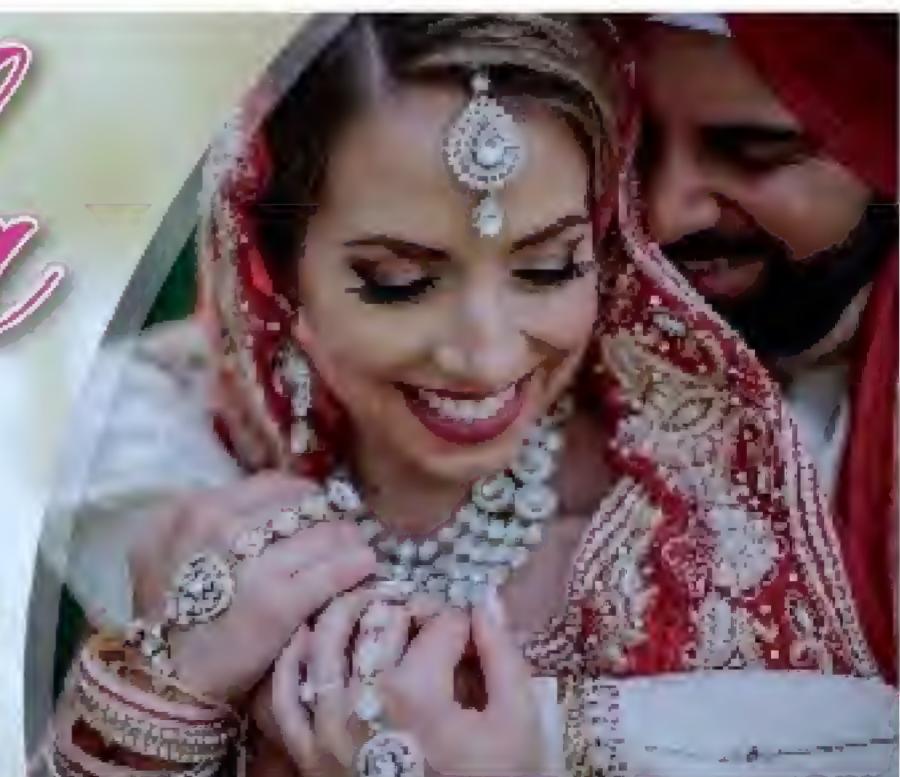
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ENERGY

Notley: \$30M for orphaned oil wells

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley says \$30 million the federal government is giving to the province for the oil and gas industry is good news.

She says her government will use the money to focus on reclaiming orphan oil wells and getting oilfield workers back to work.

Notley says they have been lobbying Ottawa for months for money to make sure orphan oil wells are safely closed and the land reclaimed.

She says the wells are a huge, long-standing liability for the province and the industry knows there needs to be a plan to deal with this issue.

Notley says details on how this will be done will come out in the next few days.

The Orphan Well Association said last month there were 1,590 orphan wells awaiting abandonment and cleanup in Alberta.

"We're not going to fix it overnight, but what we need to do is make sure that we slowly move towards a higher level of reclamation, a higher level of investment in that important task of securing these wells and making sure that our land and our water supply is safe," the premier said Wednesday.

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1,590

There are currently about 1,590 orphaned oil wells that are awaiting clean-up and reclamation in the province.

**2017 BUDGET**

Naheed Nenshi discusses the Federal Budget 2017 with members of the media after it was unveiled by the federal government Wednesday afternoon. METRO FILE

Federal cash good news for transit

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Mayor pleased with funding for Green Line project

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

It was a good news — bad news federal budget for transit users in Calgary.

The good news was that the feds once again reaffirmed their commitment to funding one third of the Green Line.

The bad news is that transit

users will no longer be able to claim transit passes on their taxes after June of this year.

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi said he's OK with that, if it means funding for bigger projects that are more reliable.

"I think if you were to ask the federal government they would say that the causal relationship between the tax credit and incentive to have more people to ride was very weak," said the mayor. "In short, people were getting the credit who were already buying passes."

He added that the city's sliding scale low-income transit pass will be in place in a few weeks.

The mayor was also happy to finally see funding for affordable housing — \$11.2 billion over 11

years. He noted that the city is in year eight of its 10-year plan to end homelessness, and that it would be nice to have homes for people to move into.

"We should be able to move forward very quickly because we've got a number of projects that are more or less shovel-ready," said Nenshi.

Kevin McNichol, VP of strategy with the Calgary Homeless Foundation said, the devil will be in

the details, which should come out in the next few months. Like Nenshi, he was happy to just see any funding for housing.

"It's \$11.2 billion more than the zero we had previously," he said.

Also of interest to a city with too much empty office space was the promise of money for innovative industries that come together in a Silicon Valley-type way. WITH FILES FROM HELEN PIKE

“The goal of them is that instead of being focused around universities, which do a lot of great research, they’re focused on businesses. Zoe Addington, Calgary Chamber of Commerce

Residents' concerns overflow

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Although the city has diminished risk of a 2013-level flood by 30 per cent, there's more for Calgary to do before they can confidently face another flood event.

Councillors heard community concerns, and administration's plans to continue to address flood mitigation on Wednesday during a Utilities and Corporate Systems committee meeting.

The city's report outlined that most of the "complementary" barriers being put up are to protect the city's own lands. The barriers are being placed at between 0.6 metres and 1.1 metres.

Between now and 2020 the city is working to increase the height of the Glenmore Dam gates, which they believe in combination with the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir will "manage events similar to the 2013 flood."

The committee unanimously passed recommendations to advocate for an upstream reservoir agreements, continue to advocate for Springbank, develop a plan for community mitigation, develop property mitigation program and look into land use policies for flooding-prone areas.

Residents from Sunnyside took to the microphone to tell councillors about their concerns. Some commended the city, while others said it's not moving fast enough and mitigation is going mainly toward its own resources.

In Inglewood, Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra pointed out that the zoo berm is significantly higher than the one that protects the community across the water.

"What we're hearing from Sunnyside is that the proposed berm protecting the downtown is significantly higher than the proposed mitigations protecting Sunnyside," said Carra. "How does it work that the downtown gets a higher berm than Sunnyside?"

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Mayor Naheed Nenshi used the annual arts lunch as an opportunity to drum up financial and moral support for the local arts scene at what he called a critical time. AARON CHATHA/METRO

Nenshi urges more support for the arts

CULTURE

Mayor calls on province to kickstart film, TV industry

 **Aaron Chatha**
Metro | Calgary

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi used his platform at the annual Mayor's Lunch for Arts Champions to call on citizens and governments to support the arts at a critical time.

Particularly, he feels the provincial government could do more to entice the film and television industry to shoot in Alberta, in terms for financial incentives.

"It's a huge industry," he said. "We look at British Columbia, for example, it's a major cornerstone of the economy in the lower mainlands. Tens of thousands of well-

paying jobs.

"The kinds of incentives we're talking about are very small numbers, compared to \$500 million for the petrochemicals industry, for example. So I'm really encouraging the provincial government to be super creative and think about the ways we can kick-start the industry."

The annual lunch celebrates the successes of Calgary's arts community, while also highlighting areas it can improve.

Nenshi also called on Calgarians to invest in the arts — especially as corporate funding has rapidly declined, and previous giants in the arts scene, like Alberta Theatre Projects, are now struggling and fearing closure.

Finally, he asserted that the arts are the best way to battle a growing wave of intolerance in the Western world.

"I've been saying lately, it has become, in this crazy world of ours, fashionable to denigrate those of us

who talk about compassion, kindness and mercy ... as somehow fragile. The small minded and intolerant call us delicate snowflakes. Well, as you all know, I run the snow-removal system in Calgary. One thing that I know for certain is enough delicate snowflakes put together are the most powerful force in the world."

The mayor also announced six cultural leader award winners, each sponsored by a different local organization to receive \$5,000.

One of the winners was 19-year-old rapper Stephane Nouz, who said the arts are important for creating a cultural identity within the city — which helps unite the people within it.

"We need that sound," he explained. "We need a signature. Toronto has a signature; everyone there recognizes them for their music. In Calgary, that's lacking. So, we definitely have to motivate and innovate in the scene."

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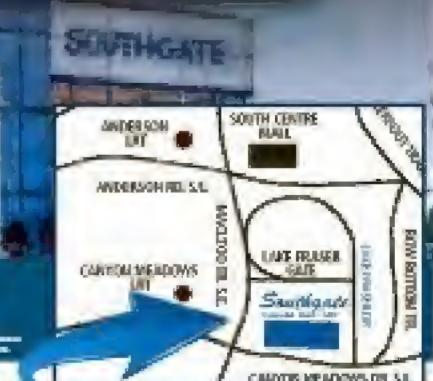
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Health advocates impatient

FUNDING

Province needs to stop 'dragging its feet' on plans to fix system



Elizabeth Cameron

For Metro | Calgary

The president of the Minds Over Matter Mental Health Society is frustrated the Alberta government hasn't fully implemented 32 recommendations from Alberta's Valuing Mental Health Review (VMHR), tabled two years ago.

"The government needs to quit dragging its feet," said Rick Lundy, a longtime patient advocate.

"The longer (they) take to implement these, the more mental health patients fall through the cracks and it just compounds the problem," he said.

In last week's provincial budget, the NDP announced a \$45 million increase in spending overall for addiction and mental health services. At the time, Finance Minister Joe Ceci said part of that increase will be allocated to implement the VMHR's recommendations.

"Now they have the funding, there's no reason we can't see a plan within the next six weeks or so and get on with some of the key elements of this implementation," said Dr. David Swann, co-chair of the VMHR.

He added lots of work has been ongoing in the background since the report was tabled in December 2015.

Several ministries and groups



Rick Lundy, president of the Minds Over Matter Mental Health Society, said all recommendations from the 2015 Valuing Mental Health Report should have been implemented already. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

are involved, including human services, education, health care, and the police.

In direct response to the report, grants were designated for Alberta Health Services (AHS): \$1.5 million dollars to address the current gaps and improve access to mental health and addiction services, and another \$3 million to open new opioid

dependency treatment facilities in Cardston, Grande Prairie, and Fort McMurray. The Central Zone, with a specific location yet to be determined, will also get a clinic.

According to Alberta Health, initiatives related to the remaining recommendations will be moving ahead starting this spring.

Associate Minister of Health Brandy Payne said her government is committed to their promise of fixing a chronically "fragmented and underfunded" system.

"The VMHR was part of keeping that promise, and we're backing those recommendations up with significant funding," Payne said.



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Dr. David Swann

STREET SAFETY
Councillors pitch grants to promote walking



Brodie Thomas

Metro | Calgary

Three councillors are pitching the idea of microgrants to help communities come up with new and innovative ideas to make their areas more walkable.

If approved by council, the \$172,000 project will be funded through the Calgary Council Innovation Fund.

Councillor Even Woolley was not one of the original proponents, but he likes the idea.

"It's Canada's 150th year, so we're looking at doing 150 small-scale walkability projects," he said. "It's basically taking small ideas and making them a reality."

Couns. Druh Farrell, Brian Pincott and Gian-Carlo Carra brought the idea to the priorities and finance committee on Tuesday. Farrell said the grants would be \$800, and would go to community groups to help them get simple ideas off the ground.

She gave the example of Street Lap — a program held last summer in the communities of Banff Trail, Capitol Hill and Mount Pleasant. She said one part of Street Lap was teaching kids how to bike more safely. They also had activities such as road painting and pedestrian safety talks.

Farrell said many communities already have ideas, and they just need help to execute them.

The funding program will be linked to the upcoming Walk21 conference, which will be hosted at the University of Calgary in September.

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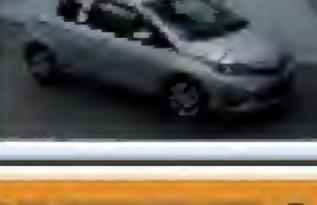
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FLOOD RELIEF

Local girls soccer team gives back in Peru

 **Lucie Edwardson**
Metro | Calgary

A Calgary soccer team is turning what was supposed to be a cultural exchange to Peru with a few friendly matches into a humanitarian effort.

The Southwest United Millennium U17 girls team began their travels Wednesday.

Coach Roman Mifflin Jr., who is from Peru and a former pro-

fessional player, said at first the trip was meant to be a cultural exchange for the girls, but after historic flooding in Peru, they shifted gears.

"As the floods came in the last couple weeks we thought we should go and do some humanitarian work and help out," he said. "Because there are about a million people who are currently displaced or homeless."

In the weeks leading up to their trip the team gathered donations for flood relief, includ-

ing clothing, blankets, medical supplies and money.

While in Peru they will be working at local disaster relief centres distributing the supplies and will also be volunteering at an orphanage just outside of the country's capitol of Lima.

The captains of the team, 16-year-olds Aimee Tiemstra and Madyson Einstorn, said it's a humbling experience to be able to give back to a country in need.

The duo said they're proud of the effort their team has made

to be able to offer something to the suffering people of Peru.

Mifflin said it's been amazing to watch the girls make the most of this opportunity. "It's been phenomenal, they've really been proactive on gathering supplies," he said. "I'm super proud of them and the initiative they've had to embrace this experience and be so compassionate."

The girls will also be playing against four teams in Lima, including the Peruvian U17 women's national team.



Coco was euthanized out of fear he would spread a ringworm infection while in Fur-Ever Homes' care. COURTESY NICOLE SPENCE

'It's just so traumatic'

DOG RESCUE

Organization criticized for euthanizing sick puppy

 **Aaron Chatha**
Metro | Calgary

A former employee of Calgary dog rescue Fur-Ever Homes is alleging the organization euthanized an eight-month-old puppy that she was willing to adopt.

Nicole Spence said the dog in question, Coco, came to the rescue organization from Mexico. After noticing suspicious signs on his body, the organization took Coco to a vet who diagnosed him with a ringworm infection.

According to a statement from the Fur-Ever Homes Rescue board, this presented a big risk for the organization — a previous outbreak of ringworm, earlier this year, spread to eight animals and seven humans.

Coco's case was called unusually aggressive and a decision was made to euthanize the dog, for the protection of other dogs in their care.

Upon hearing this, Spence said she volunteered to adopt Coco, pay the adoption fee and pay for his medication, which Coco would have to be on for several months to eradicate

the infection.

"It's so worth it for a life I think," said Spence. "He was only an eight-month-old puppy, it's just so traumatic."

Fur-Ever Homes said they denied Spence the adoption, as she already had four dogs at home that would be at risk. They weren't sure Spence would be able to financially support the dog and his medication, and they were worried the rescue would be liable for knowingly adopting out a dog with a communicable infection.

Spence then took it upon herself to take the dog home without authorization, requesting her last owed paycheque be put towards the adoption fee.

"I'm in the rescue world to save animals," she said. "I'm not here to euthanize them because it's the easy decision."

The next morning, the police were called to Spence's house, and she was forced to surrender Coco.

"I was in the wrong because Coco was stolen property, even though I begged and pleaded to adopt him," Spence cried. "I honestly knew, as soon as I gave that dog to the cops, he was gone."

Coco was soon after euthanized.

Fur-Ever Homes stated that it's extremely rare they euthanize dogs in their care. They said they tried to secure other placement for the dog, but their sources declined to take on the risk.

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5 Things worth taking note of in the budget

The 2017 federal budget has money for transit, affordable housing and is the first-ever budget to be considered through a gender-based prism.

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Minister of Finance Bill Morneau speaks during a press conference before tabling the budget in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS



1 Gender equality

In what was billed as a historic first, the Liberal government says the entire 2017 federal budget was considered through a gender-based prism, with specific investments framed to promote equality and bring more women into the workforce. Speaking to Parliament on Wednesday, Finance Minister Bill Morneau said all measures in the new budget were assessed based on their impact on women. The "Gender Statement" in the 2017 budget outlines the persisting wage gap between men and women in Canada, as well as the over-representation of women in lower-income sectors.



2 Transit

The government will spend \$20.6 billion over the next 11 years on public-transit projects across the country. The Liberals are prepared to cover up to 40 per cent of new subways and light rail lines. The number rises to 50 per cent for repair or rehabilitation projects, but the government is capping the amount that can be spent on rehabilitation, favouring the construction of new projects. As cities had asked, there will be no application process, with money flowing based on an agreed upon formula that will prioritize cities that already have large transit ridership.



3 Housing

The government is investing \$11.2 billion over 11 years on affordable housing. The money won't start flowing until after the 2019 election, even as cities across the country are closing subsidized housing units and have people on long wait lists. The funding will go to the provinces to build new units and repair existing ones, as well as a new national housing fund that will provide low-cost loans for more housing units and help keep current rent-gearied-to-income units open. The government is also pledging to open up more federal land at little or no cost for affordable housing.



4 Child care

The budget includes \$7 billion over the next decade to increase access to affordable child care as well as the option to begin maternity leave earlier or extend parental leave to 18 months. The details outlined estimated that child-care spending could create 40,000 subsidized daycare spaces countrywide over the next three years, representing a bump of less than 10 per cent in the overall number of spaces, although it's unclear how the Liberals came to that figure. The budget said the money could help parents more easily enter the labour force, particularly women, much as it did in Quebec.



5 Ethics training for judges

The federal government will invest additional \$2.7 million over five years, plus \$500,000 annually afterwards, for the Canadian Judicial Council to support training on ethics and conduct for federally appointed judges, while also ensuring access to professional development that is gender and culturally sensitive.

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Ice floes in Baffin Bay above the Arctic Circle, as seen from the Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker Louis S. St-Laurent.

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Arctic sea ice at new low

CLIMATE CHANGE

Lowest level in 38 years of satellite record-keeping

Arctic sea ice is at a record low for the third straight year.

The measurements from the U.S.-based National Snow and Ice Data Center say the ice reached its maximum extent on March 7.

It was the lowest level in the 38-year history of satellite record-keeping. "I have been looking at Arctic weather patterns for 35 years and have never seen anything close to what we've experienced these past two winters," Mark Serreze, the centre's director, said in a release.

The sea ice encompassed 14.4 million square kilometres at its largest. Figures for both 2015 and 2016 were about 14.5 million square kilometres.

The median figure for 1981 to 2010 was 15.6 million square kilometres.

Sea ice is crucial to Arctic life from polar bears to plankton and is believed to influence southern weather patterns.

Recent research has suggested that a good part of sea-ice decline could be due to natural variability. But most of the losses are still blamed on climate change and are expected to increase as carbon dioxide continues to build in

the atmosphere.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which partly funds the Snow and Ice Data Center, said Arctic temperatures this winter were the highest they'd been since 1900 when records began.

Average temperatures were two degrees warmer than the 1981-2010 average and 3.5 degrees warmer than 1900. Ocean temperatures off Greenland were five degrees higher than the 30-year average.

Other organizations, including the European Space Agency and the University of Washington, have concluded that not only is the sea ice extent smaller this year, the ice itself is thinner.

"Such thin ice going into the melt season sets us up for the possibility of record low sea ice conditions this September," said Julienne Stroeve, a data centre scientist and professor at the University College London.

The sea ice minimum, which occurs in September at the end of the melt season, first began breaking records in 2005. It broke the record for low extent again in 2007 and in 2012. Antarctic sea ice reached its minimum extent for the year on March 3 at 2.11 million square kilometres, also the lowest in satellite records. However, the data centre reports Antarctic ice is highly variable and was at its highest level 2 1/2 years ago.

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CRIME

Six plead guilty to sharing intimate images

Six male youths in Nova Scotia pleaded guilty Wednesday to sharing intimate images of high school girls without their consent, concluding one of Canada's largest prosecutions involving a relatively untested but high-profile law.

The six were charged in July 2016 after police in Bridgewater, N.S., concluded a year-long investigation by alleging the teens — all local high school students — had distributed intimate images of

at least 20 girls.

"We hope that the notoriety of this case produces more awareness across the country that this type of conduct isn't simply boys being boys — and it's not simply a school disciplinary problem," said Peter Dostal, a senior Crown attorney with the province's special prosecutions office.

The case is one of the first in Canada involving legislation introduced in late 2013 after the death of Nova Scotia

teen Rehtaeh Parsons, which captured national attention.

At the time the charges were laid, four of the accused — all students at Bridgewater High School — were 15 years old and the other two were 18. However, all were under 18 when the offences were committed, which means their identities are protected from publication under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Dostal said the boys conspired to trade the images

amongst themselves. They will be sentenced July 31.

The majority of the victims were also students at the high school, Bridgewater police said at the time.

"This type of activity has been on the radar of schools and law enforcement for quite some time, and now that we're better equipped with the intimate image charge, we're able to have law enforcement address these concerns," he said.

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1 British Prime Minister Theresa May speaks outside 10 Downing Street in central London on Wednesday, after the terror incident in the U.K. Parliament.

2 An armed police officer guards Westminster Bridge and the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday.

3 A member of Parliament helps emergency services attend to an injured person outside the Houses of Parliament.

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May vows U.K. will 'move forward'

TERRORISM

Five killed, 40 injured in attack on Parliament

A knife-wielding man went on a deadly rampage in the heart of Britain's seat of power Wednesday, plowing a car into pedestrians on London's Westminster Bridge before stabbing a police officer to death inside the gates of Parliament. Five people were killed, including the assailant, and 40 others were injured in what Prime Minister Theresa May condemned as a "sick and depraved terrorist attack."

Lawmakers, lords, staff and visitors were locked down after the man was shot by police within the perimeter of Parliament, just metres from entrances to the building itself and in the shadow of the iconic Big Ben clock tower. He died, as did three pedestrians on the bridge, and the police officer.

The threat level for international terrorism in the U.K. was already listed at severe, meaning an attack was "highly likely."

A doctor who treated the wounded from the bridge said some had "catastrophic" injuries. Three police officers, several French teenagers on a school trip and two Romanian tourists were

among the casualties.

Police said they were treating the attack as terrorism. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Metropolitan Police counterterrorism chief Mark Rowley said police believed there was only one attacker, "but it would be foolish to be overconfident early on."

The threat level for international terrorism in the U.K. was already listed at severe, meaning an attack was "highly likely."

Speaking outside 10 Downing St. after chairing a meeting of government's emergency committee, COBRA, May said that level would not change. She said

attempts to defeat British values of democracy and freedom through terrorism would fail.

"Tomorrow morning, Parliament will meet as normal," she said. Londoners and visitors "will all move forward together, never giving in to terror and never allowing the voices of hate and evil to drive us apart."

U.S. President Donald Trump was among world leaders offering condolences, and in Paris, the lights of the Eiffel Tower were to be dimmed in solidarity with London.

Parliament was locked down for several hours, and the adjoining Westminster subway station

was shuttered.

The attack began early Wednesday afternoon as a driver in a grey SUV slammed into pedestrians on the bridge linking Parliament to the south bank of the River Thames.

Ambulances arrived within minutes to treat people who lay scattered along the length of the bridge. One bloodied woman lay surrounded by a scattering of postcards. Police said one injured woman was pulled from the river.

The car crashed into railings on the north side of the bridge, less than 200 metres from the entrance to Parliament. As people

scattered in panic, witnesses saw a man holding a knife run toward the building. The attacker managed to get past a gate into Parliament's fenced-in New Palace Yard, a cobbled courtyard in the shadow of Big Ben.

Daily Mail journalist Quentin Letts said a man in black attacked the police officer before being shot two or three times as he tried to storm into the building.

"As this attacker was running towards the entrance two plain-clothed guys with guns shouted at him ... he ignored it and they shot two or three times and he fell," Letts told the BBC.

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Brussels marks anniversary of massacre



People make a heart with their hands during the one-year anniversary of the attack in Brussels on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

ANNIVERSARY

City trying to forge ahead after last year's deadly bombings

As the chaos in London, U.K. ensued, the city of Brussels, Belgium was marking the one-year anniversary of a day in which three bombers killed 32 people and wounded more than 300 in

the Brussels airport and subway a year ago.

A year later, the city's physical scars may have healed, but the pain is still there. Residents and authorities are determined to forge ahead, without changing the character of their city.

"It's the responsibility of each and every one of us to make our society more humane, and more just," King Philippe told a remembrance service as a new monument was unveiled to the victims in the Belgian capital's

European quarter.

"Above all, let us dare to be tender," he said.

The fear of an attack is widely shared across Europe, underlined at Britain's parliament Wednesday as an attacker stabbed an officer and was then shot by police, and witnesses said a vehicle struck several people on the nearby bridge.

Even if locals in Brussels are mostly oblivious to heavily armed paratroopers patrolling the city's landmarks, visitors still stop in

their tracks when they notice the camouflage dress and the machine-guns.

Normality is still far off on the anniversary of the attacks.

Before the attacks, said Patrick Bontinck, CEO of the Visit Brussels tourist office, "tourism was growing approximately 10 per cent each year since five years."

"We had a drop of approximately from 30 to 40 per cent in just two or three days after the attack," Bontinck said.

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REACTION

Trudeau to London: 'We stand with you'

The apparent terrorist incident outside the British Parliament is a cowardly attack on democracy around the world, says Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Canada stands ready to help Britain in any way it can after the attack, which left at least five dead in London, Trudeau said Wednesday.

The dead included the attacker and a police officer, and some 20 more were wounded in the incident, which occurred on the grounds of the Parliament Buildings and the nearby Westminster Bridge, London police said.

The British Parliament was locked down while police searched the area to ensure there were no other attackers.

In Canada's House of Commons, Trudeau called the attack on Britain's seat of democracy "a cowardly and reprehensible act that we condemn in the strongest terms."

"Canada and the U.K. are close friends and allies and our message to the citizens of the United Kingdom and our colleagues in the British Parliament is simple: We stand with you."

Trudeau said the scene unfolding in London was "all too familiar" to MPs who were on Parliament Hill in October 2014 when a gun-toting Michael Zehaf-Bibeau stormed into Centre Block after killing a soldier at the nearby National War Memorial.

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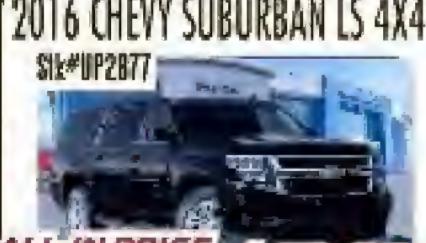
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African states urged to provide safe water

INFRASTRUCTURE

World health agency says 1.8 billion use unsafe supply

Nearly a third of people in sub-Saharan Africa do not have access to safe drinking water, the World Water Council said Wednesday, urging governments to contribute adequate amounts of their budgets toward projects aimed at making safe water widely available.

"There is an absolute necessity to increase water security in order to overcome the chal-

lenges brought on by climate change and human influence... We need commitment at the highest levels," the organization's president, Benedito Braga, said in a statement marking World Water Day.

Africa and Asia are the most affected by scarcity of safe water, with Papua New Guinea, Equatorial Guinea and Angola reporting that clean water is available to less than half of their populations, the statement said.

Globally, at least 1.8 billion people use a drinking-water source contaminated with feces, and half of the world's population will be living in water-stressed areas by 2025,

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The international Red Cross is appealing for \$400 million to help millions of people facing famine or the risk of it in four conflict-ridden countries: Somalia, Yemen, South Sudan and Nigeria. The Geneva-based humanitarian agency said Wednesday it wants a "massive scale-up" in assistance and hopes to provide "essential aid" to about 5 million people.

according to the World Health Organization.

The water problem is particularly serious in sub-Saharan Africa, where 32 per cent of people lack access to clean water and where some of the world's poorest live.

In Africa's largest city, environmental activists protested for better access to clean water. Community leaders in Lagos, Nigeria, said residents of the sprawling city of 21 million are suffering.

"When we fetch the water, it foams and smells like petrol and detergent was poured into it," Barakatu Elegbede said.

Less than 20 per cent of Lagos residents have access to clean water, said activist Akinbode Oluwafemi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SURVEILLANCE

Trump feels vindicated after intel briefing

Communications of Donald Trump's transition officials — possibly including the incoming president himself — may have been scooped up in legal surveillance but then improperly distributed throughout the intelligence community, the chairman of the House intelligence committee said Wednesday.

In an extraordinary set of statements to reporters, Republican Rep. Devin Nunes said the intercepted communications do not appear to be related to the ongoing FBI investigation into Trump associates' contacts with Russia or any criminal warrants.

Nunes, who served on Trump's transition team, said

he believes the intelligence collections were done legally but that identities of Trump officials and the content of their communications may have been inappropriately disseminated in intelligence reports.

"What I've read bothers me, and I think it should bother the president himself and his team," Nunes said Wednesday after briefing Trump privately.

Trump said he felt "some-

what" vindicated by the revelations, despite the fact that Nunes said the new information did not change his assessment that the president's explosive claim that Barack Obama wiretapped his New York skyscraper was false.

Shortly after being briefed, Trump told reporters: "I very much appreciated the fact that they found what they found."

Nunes said the information on the Trump team was col-

lected in November, December and January, the period after the election when Trump was holding calls with foreign leaders, interviewing potential cabinet secretaries and beginning to sketch out administration policy.

Nunes said the names of Trump associates were "unmasked" after the incidental collection, though he did not identify those names. They are believed to include Michael Flynn, who was fired as White House national-security adviser after misleading Vice-President Mike Pence and other top officials about his contacts with Russia's ambassador to the United States. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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If you subscribe to the notion that governments are meant to walk their talk at budget time, then Justin Trudeau's Liberals are on a treadmill.

Finance minister Bill Morneau's second budget is, for the most part, a wordy rewrite of his previous one.

It adds up to sea of words that almost manage to drown the inconvenient fact that, in most instances, he is putting little or no money where his mouth is until just before the next election.

Take innovation, the self-declared theme of the 2017 budget. As advertised, it has pride of place in the budget.

But that placement brings the government perilously close to indulging in false advertising.

Morneau's strategy, to put it charitably, is a work-in-progress. The government is still in consultation mode on most of the plan. Legislation to set up a previously announced infrastructure bank has yet to be introduced.

The government says it is about to engage in discussions with the CRTC as to how to go about ensuring high-speed Internet access for all Canadians.

That promise first surfaced in a Paul Martin budget in a previous century . . .

The government wants to make it easier for unemployed Canadians to get training through unemployment insurance. But, if you are out of work this year, you may also be out of luck: the government is not planning to spend new

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MORE OF THE SAME FROM MORNEAU There are plenty of understandable reasons even a government as young as this one would go on a holding pattern, Chantal Hébert writes. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

money in its skills section of its innovation agenda until next year.

Moving on to social programs, we are again presented with a slow-paced rollout that will see dollars magically materialize in greater numbers just before the next election.

There are plenty of understandable reasons why even a government as young as this one would go on a holding pattern.

It will take more time for the dust to settle in the wake of the advent of Donald Trump's administration. (Indeed that dust may never really settle.)

Meanwhile, the future of Canada's trade relationship with the U.S. and the country's trade agenda, itself, are up in the air.

Trudeau's government already has irons in the fire on a number of fronts.

Ditto for culture. The Liberals would spend an extra two billion dollars over 10 years on support for the culture industry . . . with the first instalment scheduled for

to legalize marijuana as it is on the commitment to striking a new deal with Canada's aborigines.

The first Liberal budget was replete with big-ticket items, leaving it, over a period of uncertain economic growth, with little more than spare change to throw at other priorities.

Given all of the above, it is possible to construe Morneau's initial budget as a five-year spending plan and this year's instalment as the outline of the next Liberal election platform.

Except that it was not just spending on defining items on the Liberal agenda that is being shovelled forward; the government has yet to determine whether to bite the bullet on defence spending and respond to American pressures to up its contribution to NATO. A continuing defence review will eventually shed light on that.

The government is still flirting with the possible privatization of airports. That could be fraught with political perils. Those perils will only increase as we approach the election deadline.

It has postponed a comprehensive tax reform to another day. The political price tag on that could, too, increase with every passing month until the next campaign.

Last, but not least, it has yet to turn its mind to charting a credible path to return to balanced budgets.

As former prime minister Paul Martin could testify from firsthand experience, the line between prudence and dithering is a fine one.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

I need to have a baby to benefit from this budget



Vicky Mochama
Metro

I really don't want one but I think I should have a kid. I was reviewing the new federal budget and that's probably my best move.

Finance minister Bill Morneau introduced it with an anecdote about a Toronto taxi driver who, on recognizing Morneau, called his wife so they both could tell the minister about the positive impact the Canada child benefit has had on their lives. Good for them and their anecdotal children.

This budget goes further in supporting families. It proposes to let mothers to take more of their maternity leave in advance of giving birth and allow families to choose to spread parental leave payments over 18 months instead of the current 12.

I, for one, hope Morneau takes the bus when he's in town, because I might like to meet him to have a few choice words about the mid-2017 elimination of the public transit tax credit. It helped offset the cost of transportation by allowing you to deduct part of the cost of a transit pass on your income tax.

The government's solution is to give millions more to provinces and territories directly and through the proposed Canada Infrastructure Bank.

All that money goes to projects that are in progress and regional plans that are

under discussion. None of it goes towards a young person who is paying more and more for transit that doesn't go very far.

Recently, I added up how much I spend on cabs including Uber. I didn't like the number. Yesterday's budget promised to make it even bigger by requiring taxi-like ridesharing services to pay GST/HST – a tax increase that will be passed on to consumers. Now, if only there were some kind of infrastructure bank that paid for faster, more efficient transit so I didn't have to take cabs.

Perhaps their back-up plan is the Youth Service Initiative, which was mentioned in last year's budget. This year's budget allocates no money for this idea but there is a call for proposals.

My idea: Un- and under-employed youth should be drafted into service to piggyback those of us who can no longer afford transit passes.

Speaking to press, Opposition Leader Rona Ambrose insisted her party would be the voice of the taxpayer. Who, I ask, will represent those of us who um, ah, haven't been super on top of our paperwork? (Hey, CRA, these are jokes. I promise.)

The budget also increases the excise duty on alcohol paid by importers and producers. This is a niche problem, but the price of my favourite wine has already gone up. A two-per-cent tax increase brings me down to just one or three bottles per week.

Which is bad, because I might need a glass or two to get into this baby-making venture.



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INTERVIEW

A very American movement will lead the demise of expertise: Author

Genna Buck

Metro Canada



Tom Nichols is an expert. He has a PhD in government from Georgetown University. He's an authority on Russian politics and a professor at the United States Naval War College. But, he argues in *The Death of Expertise: The Campaign Against Established Knowledge and Why it Matters*, practically no one cares.

Across society, rich and poor, right and left, we're not just dismissing or criticizing experts, but pooh-poohing the whole idea of expertise itself, he writes. And because it came out just as the world is reckoning with the rise of a proudly inexpert U.S. president, his book has touched a nerve.

You might know Nichols from Twitter as @RadioFreeTom, a famously ruthless conservative critic of President Trump. (He reluctantly supported Hillary Clinton in the 2016 election).

We asked him about the anti-expert trend and what to do with it.

There's always been anti-intellectualism. But it's become so noticeable. What's happening?

People don't want to talk about it, but it's because of the growth of narcissism in our society. We really have become so acclimated to thinking that our views on everything are as important and as worthwhile as everyone else's. Every professional in the world at this point has encountered somebody who has told them how to do their job.

You blame this in part on higher education.

I think a motivated, intelligent student can still get a great education

No one listens to the experts anymore



Americans steadfastly believe in the common sense of the common person, says Tom Nichols, author of *The Death of Expertise: The Campaign Against Established Knowledge and Why it Matters*. ISTOCK/ILLUSTRATION

in Europe, Canada or the United States. But in the competition for students and loan dollars, colleges are marketing themselves to teenagers as though they're cars. Many more people are going to college, and many of them shouldn't be going. And that hurts the whole issue of expertise because ... college is no longer a good discriminator for who knows what they're talking about.

The U.S. has elected a president

who isn't shy about his lack of expertise. What was it like watching this wave of Trump mania?

I saw it coming. And this wasn't the first election. Although people want to tie this pretty strongly to Donald Trump, it's important to remember Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton's followers believed a lot of outrageous things as well. This has been going on for years. The Trump campaign,

better than anybody, caught this wave and surfed it effectively

Is there something specifically American about the anti-expertise trend?

Americans are not comfortable with ideas of class. We believe in the common sense of the common person. So there's always been fertile ground for questioning experts. What's different is this phenomenon of every-

one turning into insufferable know-it-alls. We (used to have) a healthy respect for the division of labour. And that's gone

Could automation be creating a false sense that jobs are simple and easy?

Absolutely right. The death of expertise is a disease of affluence. When you're looking around the world and everything just works, you say, "How hard can this be? Who can't fly a plane?" The other problem with so much technology is it makes people realize how dependent on experts they are. And that breeds a sense of helplessness and anger.

What do you think will make average people suffer the most under this trend?

Most troubles are recoverable. I mean if you screw up the economy, you can recover. But when people are out there suggesting that we need to do something firm about Ukraine, and then cannot place Ukraine on the right continent on a map, I worry that we're really headed into problems of war and peace. This kind of ignorant populism sooner or later will either decay into authoritarianism, or — the bigger danger — experts will simply disengage and start running things without arguing with the public.



Tom Nichols

Does anything give you hope that this can be turned around? Nope. There's no hope. Thanks for the interview!

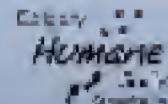
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Well, I admit I'm somewhat pessimistic. I think the thing that's most likely to change this is some kind of economic or foreign policy disaster or a pandemic. Nothing will end the anti-vaxxer nonsense faster than a pandemic.

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WHAT I'M WATCHING

Woody's comedy vaudeville shtick

THE SHOW: *Crisis in Six Scenes*, Season 1, Episode 5 (City/Fox)
THE MOMENT: Couples therapy

Kay (Elaine May), a therapist, listens to Lorna (Nina Arianda) and Moe's (Gad Elmaleh) story: Lorna discovered Moe was having sex with prostitutes. Kay suggested he pay Lorna instead. It worked. Paying her was exciting. So what's the problem?

"She started charging too much," Moe says.

"I'm not a low-class bimbo," Lorna says.

"I'm not paying my wife \$700 a pop!" Moe protests.

"Well, I'm not doing it for \$200 anymore," Lorna says.

"Why not? You can work at home," Moe counters.

"I think we can work this out," Kay says. "You could maybe give him a discount. He does use you regularly."

Ba-dum-bum! I'm sure this series of six half-hour episodes looked great on paper. Written and directed by Woody Allen, it's set in the 1960s and stars Allen as Sidney, a semifamous writer, with May as his wife.



There's some pleasure in watching the game cast of mostly oldsters try to blow the dust off retro routines. CONTRIBUTED

Their squarely middle-class lives are shaken up by the arrival of a friend's daughter, Lennie (Miley Cyrus), a counter-revolutionary on the lam.

But as you may have gleaned from the scene above, the comedy itself feels like it's been mouldering somewhere since the '60s. Allen showed filmmaker Barbara Kopple in her 1997 documentary *Wild Man Blues* that he keeps story ideas on scraps of paper in a bedside table drawer. It feels like he pried this show's vaudeville shtick from the back of that drawer.

There's some pleasure in watching the game cast of mostly oldsters try to blow the dust off retro routines.

But sometimes what happens in the bedside table should stay in the bedside table.

Crisis in Six Scenes streams on Amazon Prime.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Her memoir details life as a perpetual outsider

INTERVIEW

Joan Juliet Buck talks Hollywood, Paris, Vogue

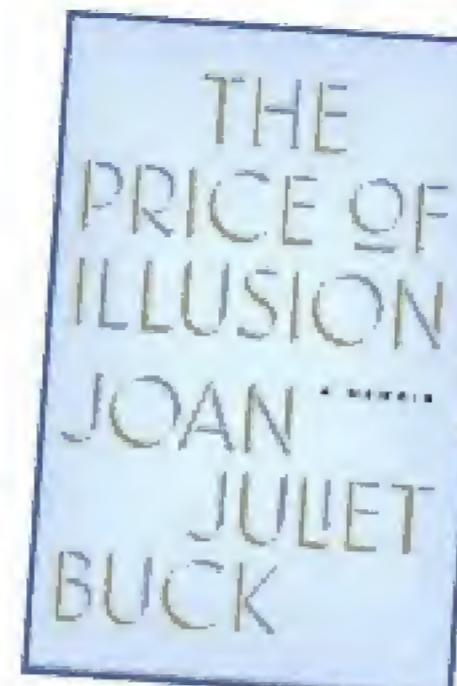
Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

There is a leaf blower creating a ruckus outside Joan Juliet Buck's room at the Chateau Marmont.

The iconic Sunset Boulevard hotel, with its intimidating stone-walls and discreet staff, has been a famous hideout for Hollywood celebrities, supermodels and other beautiful people since the 1930s. It's a world in which Buck is familiar — her father co-owned a film production company with Peter O'Toole, her mother was an actor whose best friend was Lauren Bacall. But it's a world Buck has happily left behind, preferring now the more bohemian company of artists, writers and theatre performers.

Buck is on the phone at the Marmont doing interviews for her new memoir, *The Price of Illusion*, which chronicles her early life as an expat in Paris, her teenage years as an It Girl in Swinging London, a string of romantic affairs with the likes of Donald Sutherland and Eric Rothschild (she turned down an offer from Leonard Cohen to run away with him to Greece), and her career as a cultural reviewer.

Buck is best known as the only American to edit *Vogue Paris*, which she did for seven years — injecting colour, culture and "playfulness" into its staid pages until 2001 — when she was inexplicably banished and sent away to rehab by her boss, the head of Condé Nast Inter-



national, for a phantom addiction she clearly didn't suffer from.

The first draft of *The Price of Illusion* was more than 1,000 pages long, not surprising given Buck's rich life, her travels and the people she has encountered (there's even a chilling ghost story). But something happened as she "whittled and sculpted" to find the truth. "I zeroed in on the thing that had been the problem all along, which has been illusion," Buck says. "I thought there were parts of my life that were testaments to authenticity, and it was always something that I was seeking — except I loved all the glamour and the fantasy."

Buck spent much of her life feeling like a perpetual outsider, from the time her family moved to Paris when she was three, to her reign at *Vogue*. "Unless I am really focused with a purpose on doing something like writing or now acting, I never quite feel I belong," she says. One place that did feel like home to Buck was at the Irish estate of her father's friend and colleague, film producer John Huston — more specifically with his wife Ricki, a former ballet dancer who was killed in a car crash at age 39.



Joan Juliet Buck grew up in Hollywood but now prefers the company of artists, writers and performers. CONTRIBUTED

Ricki's daughters, actor Angelica and author Allegra Huston, who Buck refers to as "semi-sisters," became unofficial fact checkers for the book. "Ricki was open to everything," Buck says. "She allowed Angelica and me to work with clay on the kitchen table. She didn't say, 'You're going to make a mess.' She'd say, 'What are you making?'"

Now age 68, Buck spends most of her time surrounded by trees at her small home in the Hudson Valley, which she bought after giving up her loft in New York's Hell's Kitchen. She surrounds herself only with true friends, having given up any "fake relationships" from the past.

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Netflix can chill on tax? Not so fast

BUDGET 2017 ANALYSIS

New Uber tax may set stage for tariff on digital content


Joe Callaghan
Metro Canada

The world's leading streaming service might have breathed an initial sigh of relief on Wednesday afternoon when it scanned the 2017 Federal Budget and found itself off the hook in the government's plan for the coming year.

Some observers had focused on the possible introduction of a 'Netflix tax' in Wednesday's budget. In the wake of Heritage Minister Melanie Joly's indication earlier this year that she was eager to find a way to both establish a tax on digital content subscriptions and upgrade Canadian content rules for the digital age, Netflix looked to be

in the firing line.

But the initial impression that they came out unscathed may be off the mark.

The 'Uber tax,' which was one of the headline policies unveiled by Finance Minister Bill Morneau Wednesday, set the precedent for a broader tax on digital services, a net that Netflix could in the future find itself caught up in.

Michael Geist, University of Ottawa law professor and one of the country's foremost voices on wireless and digital commerce, saw it that way.

"The biggest digital implications may ultimately come from the policy reforms," he wrote in an analysis of the budget. "First up may be new digital sales taxes. The... commitment to extend sales taxes to ride sharing companies such as Uber, (is) a move that seems likely to ultimately lead to a broader extension of sales taxes to digital services such as Netflix."

The Los Gatos, Calif.-based streaming service, which has more than 5 million subscribers in this country, has been en-

gaged in a stand-off with successive Canadian governments on a number of fronts. One of the debates is whether it should have to contribute to the Canadian Media Fund and Canadian content, something it is exempt from under the current Broadcasting Act because its operations aren't based here.

But with yesterday's budget promising reforms in both the Broadcasting and Telecommunications Acts, upheaval is likely.

"This guarantees that the major policy fights of the past year will continue into the next," added Geist in his post on michael-geist.ca.

"In general we're seeing much

more of a collaborative shared workspace environment across the creative and tech industries," Gill told Metro. "Investing in any program that brings talent together especially in the creative industry always has a huge benefit. You're probably talking about upgrading and creating new spaces. You want it to fuel creativity when you bring people together."

Artists hope \$300M will mean more space to create



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Last year's rollout of a raft of cultural funding by the Liberal government was never likely to be mirrored with another bonanza for the arts Wednesday. But the creative sector wasn't left totally empty handed.

One of the pledges came buried on page 142 of Finance Minister Bill Morneau's plan for the next year. Budget 2017 outlined a \$300 million boost to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund which the government said will help "construct, renovate and better equip" creative spaces "for the next generation."

Prem Gill, CEO of Creative BC, an independent agency responsible for promoting the development of creative industries in the province, welcomed the proposal.

"In general we're seeing much

profile urban creative hubs disappearing — 401 Richmond, a long-standing hive for some of Toronto's creative and non-profits, is fighting crippling tax hikes — Chwieszczenik welcomed the Cultural Spaces boost.

"It's great that they're upping the funding in this area. It's somewhere where there is always funding and support needed. When you read about what's going on with 401 Richmond and all those other spaces, it's somewhere we need assistance right now," he said.

"From what I hear, from my friends in other categories in the arts, they all do have moments where they struggle, across the board. It's really great to hear them use terms like the creative (economy)."

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How to clean puzzling problem areas

HOME LIVING

Expert Melissa Maker offers tips to readers on tidying up

Melissa Maker, the 34-year-old Toronto woman behind Clean My Space — the popular YouTube channel, cleaning service and new book — calls her boutique business the "Starbucks of cleaning."

Clean My Space is a well-oiled machine with its own vernacular. Where Starbucks invented coffee sizing lingo, Maker's team created a new cleaning language, from the PTTs (products, tool and techniques) and MIAs (most important areas) to the "59 Point Checklist," which is used to ensure the best clean of all spaces.

People wrote in with their burning questions, which Maker says were representative of some of the most common problems in cleaning. Here's her advice for how to tackle stains, glass, leather, hardwood and grout.

PROBLEM: Glass

Valerie Bain needs a ladder to clean the 10-foot-tall floor-to-ceiling glass wall that surrounds the staircase in her home. It needs to be cleaned often, she says, noting she has dogs, but she can't manage it without streaks. The glass is typically cleaned with a towel and a homemade solution of alcohol, water and Dawn, or the classic Windex with vinegar. But she likes her house smelling clean and fresh, not like she's been pickling all day.

SOLUTION: Squeegee and vinegar

Invest in a double-sided squeegee (one side padded, the other rubber bladed). "You will not believe how easy it is to clean glass with this powerful tool and it takes just seconds to get a streak-free shine."

Maker says:

Forget glass-cleaning brands. Instead, fill a bucket with a homemade solution of 16 cups (4 litres) hot water, 1 teaspoon (5 millilitres) dish soap and 1 cup (250 millilitres) of white vinegar. If the vinegar smell is too strong, infuse orange peels in the vinegar, leave in a Mason jar for two weeks and strain before using. "This is now your citrus-oil cleaning vinegar, which not only smells lovely," Maker says, "but also provides an extra degreasing punch."

PROBLEM: Hardwood floors

Melora Parker Pistore has difficulty with her "fumed oak" hardwood flooring, which has a natural oil finish. She lives in the suburb home with her husband, two daughters and their large Bernedoodle dog. The family's white socks still come up dirty, despite a weekly clean of the hardwood. She's nervous about getting too much water on the natural wood, but the current method of vacuuming and mopping with a Swiffer WetJet isn't working.

SOLUTION: pH neutral products

Leave the Swiffer WetJet for touch-ups, not the main job, Maker says.

"I find the absolute best method to clean hardwood floors is to use a pH neutral product that won't leave any waxy, sticky residue behind and will take all of the dirt with it," she says.

Look for a trusted formulation such as Armstrong spray or Bona cleaner and opt for a flat-head microfibre mop with interchangeable pads.

PROBLEM: Grout

Sonya Matte loves her kitchen tiles. But the quarter-inch-wide grout in between are exhausting to clean. She's not alone. Carmen Krasevac, Marilyn



Melissa Maker (left) is a cleaning expert and YouTube sensation. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rothmann, Sophie Dixon and Andrea Greene also wrote in about the grout in their homes. They've tried toothbrushes and steam cleaners, baking soda and vinegar concoctions to no avail.

SOLUTION: Hard work and dark grout

The short answer is you either get on your hands and knees or call in a professional, Maker says. "Grout is porous, like our skin. And when grout isn't sealed, it avails itself to absorbing dirt from food, body oils and products."

If using a steam cleaner, it needs to be powerful. Those purchased for \$50 likely won't do the job. Make sure it's heat-

ing up to 212 F (100 C) or it won't work. Maker suggests a brand called Reliable. If using a toothbrush, try cleaning with oxygen bleach, a common cleaning powder such as OxiClean, and seal the grout after it has dried. Oh and, next time there's a tile job," she says, "opt for dark grout."

PROBLEM: Leather

Elizabeth Cornish thinks her ivory leather couches were a bad decision. She thought they'd be easy to clean, but her often barefoot son, who wears shorts and T-shirts most days, seems to have stained one of the couches with his bodily oils. They used to have a cleaner every two weeks at

their home, but opted to clean themselves as expenses rose.

SOLUTION: Leather degreaser

"The struggle is real on leather pieces," Maker says. "Ivory leather couches and humans don't generally mix well."

But for oil stains, a leather degreaser, which could require several applications, should do the trick. Maker suggests the leather Master degreaser.

"In future, make sure to keep food and oily body parts off the sofa," she says. Try laying down blankets, a "slippers-or socks-on rule" and clean the couch on a regular basis with a product like Leather CPR.

PROBLEM: Stains

Wendy Galati has tried to remove the pet urine stains left by her small, female poodle-mix on her wool and cotton area rug to no avail. First, she tried pouring vinegar on the stain — nothing. Next, she tried baking soda to diminish

the strain — that didn't work either. She'd love to solve the problem without bringing in the pros.

SOLUTION: Enzymes

"Vinegar and baking soda really aren't going to affect pet urine," Maker says. Since pets have heightened sense of smell too, they'll come back and reoffend in the same spot all over again.

But some "specialty enzyme cleaners" — products that can eat through urine — such as Urine Off or Nature's Miracle, are the best tool when you catch the stain immediately. Use a pheromone product that calms pets, such as Comfort Zone, for prevention. Ultimately, a good cleaner always know when to delegate, Maker says.

"As someone who has two cats at home, one of which loves peeing on the carpet, the best, most surefire way to get rid of a pet stain is to take it to a professional." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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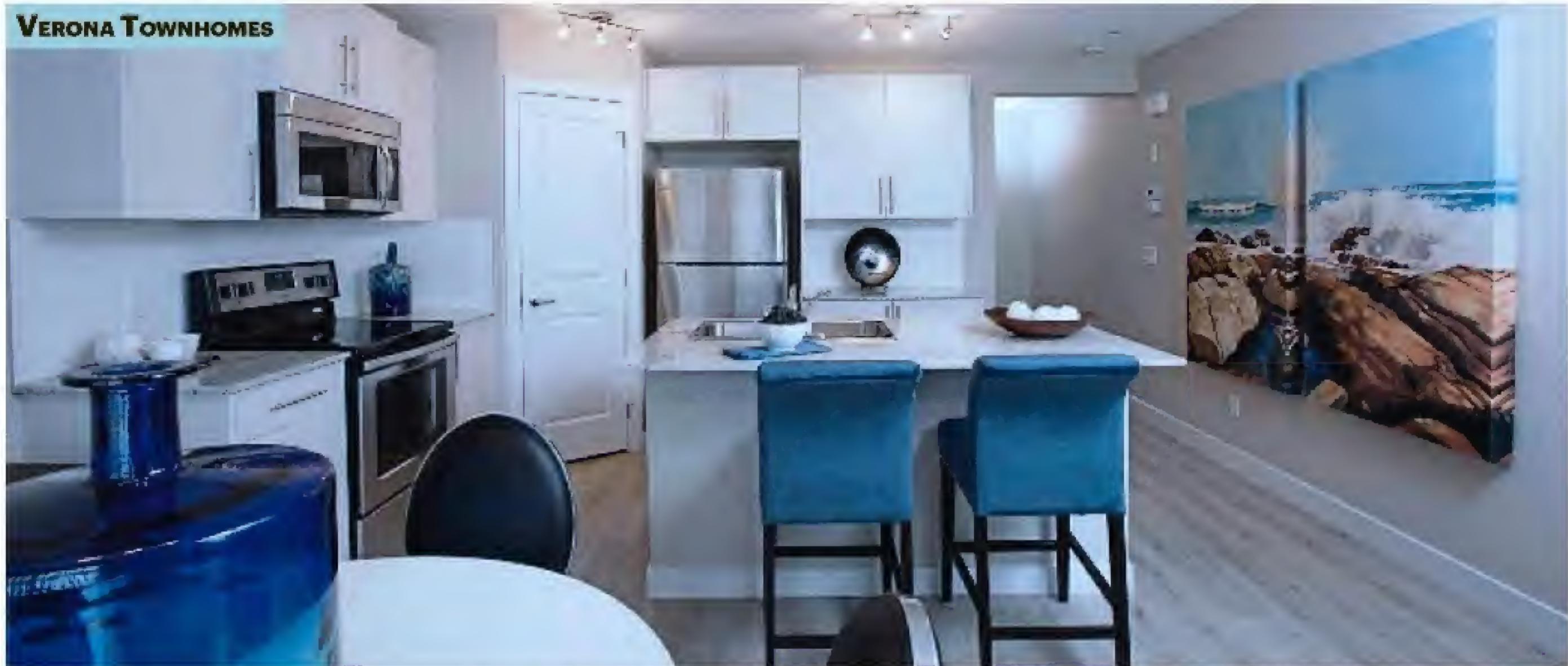




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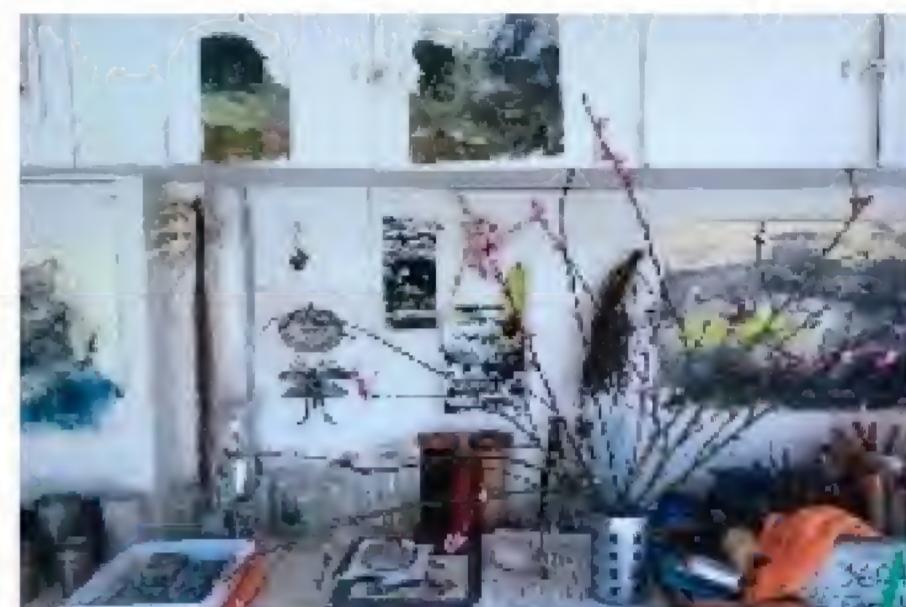
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Self-taught architect Tadao Ando working at his desk in Osaka. This photograph is featured in Paul Barbera's book *Where They Create*, Japan from Frame Publishers and explores creatives' studios and workplaces. PAUL BARBERA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Top left: Artist Takahashi Kiroko in her Tokyo studio. Top right: Artist Mariko Mori in her Tokyo tea room, where she does a lot of thinking. Bottom: Monotype studies by Louesa Roebuck in her Ojai, Calif. studio. TOP: PAUL BARBERA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; BOTTOM: LOUESA ROEBUCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Breaking the block: Studios that *inspire* creativity

INTERIORS

Spaces should be adaptable to enable a fluid workflow

Spaces where creativity happens are utterly unlike other rooms, artists and designers say.

Whether at home or elsewhere, these deeply personal spaces often feel like they're in flux, with interiors more curated than decorated. They often feature natural objects and personal

totems. They can feel messy, but also like a window into an artist's mind.

"I am always mesmerized by what goes on in these creative spaces. They are very special and often very private. The hardest part is convincing people to let you in," says Paul Barbera, who has photographed over 200 studios of both established and up-and-coming designers, architects and artists around the world.

His most recent book is *Where They Create, Japan* (Frame Publishers, Amsterdam). Matthew Waldman, founder of a watch company called Nooka, is one



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of the designers featured in the book.

"I like to have a lot of stimulation in my creative space, with things to touch and look at, things that inspire me, and lots of plants," says Waldman.

Louesa Roebuck, who, with Sarah Lonsdale, wrote and

photographed *Foraged Flora* (Ten Speed Press), featuring images and descriptions of the workplaces of various California "creatives," says "creative spaces reflect an intersection between the highly personal and professional."

The studios, ateliers and other

spaces explored in these books vary widely, but many include plants or pets, quirky objects, and odd assortments of objects grouped in visual vignettes.

"A lot of the things we collect connect us to other places and times, like relics or fossils, shells, stones or bits of inspiration," Roebuck says. "My studio is full of totems."

The rooms also tend to have plenty of natural light or access to the outdoors.

"My home is very pared down but the desk in my studio area is covered in things," says Lonsdale.

"The most creative spaces

seem to have the messiest desks. I love those desks. And many creative people spread things out across walls or floors. It's a way to visualize. It's work in progress."

Rachael Weiner, senior style and market editor at Real Simple magazine, says anyone can foster creativity in their home office or studio space.

"While a home is a place to foster tranquility, to relax and recharge, a creative space is the opposite. You want it to be comfortable, but you also want the energy to be dynamic," she says.

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RACHAEL WEINER'S TIPS FOR BUILDING YOUR OWN CREATIVE OASIS

Permission to be messy

"In a home you want things as orderly as possible, but in a creative space you want to give yourself permission to diversify the way you organize things," Weiner says.

"Contact lists should be in order, but you might want to make stacks of books or

drawings, or spread things out as you think about them."

Fluid display space

"The more fluid the display space the better," she says.

"Consider putting up a bulletin board or gallery ledges so you can refresh what kind of work you have up

depending on the projects you're working on."

Let nature in

Natural light and natural objects "connect us to the universe and stimulate the brain. If there's no outdoor space nearby, consider including plants or even a bowl of fruit.

Living natural things really change the feel of a space," Weiner says.

Personal and inspirational totems

"In a creative work space, anything that creates joy or reminds you of what you love belongs there," she says.

"Favourite colours or textiles, photos from a happy family vacation or objects that bring back special memories. These help inspire."

Expand your image of work space

"Depending on the kind of work you do, a hammock

chair or cushions on the floor might be a better fit than an office chair," she says.

"Unlike the home, which has to cater to everyone in it, creative space is a personal realm, filled with whatever it is — and organized in whatever way you want — that sparks your creativity."

TOP 150

CELEBRATING CANADA'S GIFTS TO THE WORLD

Dishing out top local eats

TREATS

Ten best Canadian foods from coast to coast

Rhonda Riche

Poutine isn't Canada's only delicacy. From Jiggs Dinner in Newfoundland to Nanaimo Bars in BC, here's a made-in-Canada menu to savour.

1 Fish and Brewis

From Newfoundland and Labrador, this dish consists of salt cod and hard tack that has been soaked overnight and is served with a sprinkling of scrunchions (fried pork fat).

2 Jiggs Dinner

A traditional Sunday meal in Newfoundland and Labrador consisting of salt beef, pease pudding, carrots, cabbage, turnips and potatoes and served with a side of mustard pickles.

3 Donair

The official food of Halifax, the Donair was



ated with salts and spices for a week before it's smoked and steamed.



7 Persians
Unique to Thunder Bay, this cinnamon-bun-like treat is coated with a sticky pink icing flavoured with either strawberries or raspberries — the recipe remains a secret!



9 Bloody Caesar
Invented in Calgary in 1969, Canadians take this spicy vodka and tomato/clam juice cocktail for granted (350 million Caesars are served annually) until they try and order one outside of our borders.



10 Nanaimo Bars

There are many variations of this popular square, but they all feature yellow custard layered between a slab of chocolate and a coconut-graham crust.



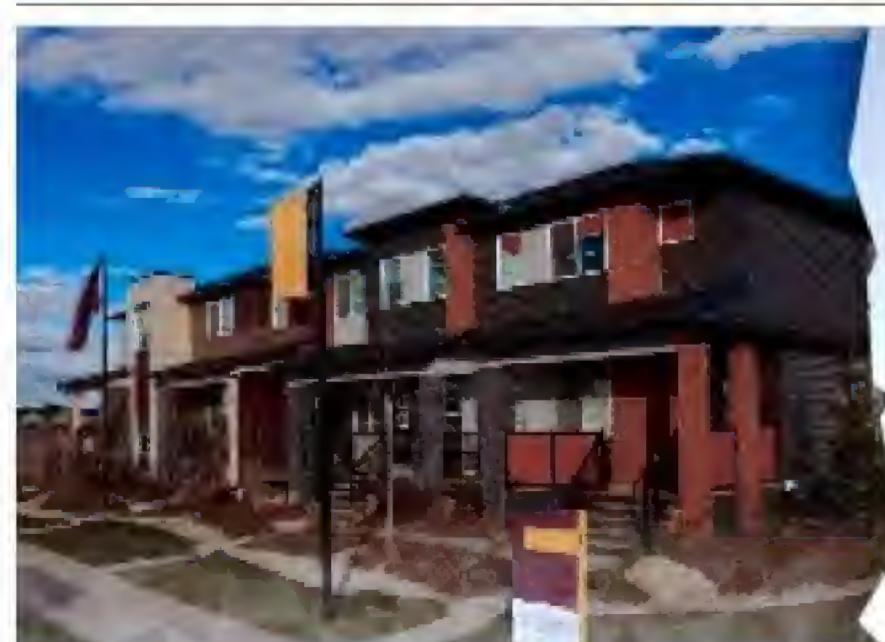
5 Montreal smoked meat

What makes Montreal smoked meat different from briskets in delis across North America? The beef is marin-



8 Saskatoon Berry Pie

This flavourful pie is a favourite on the prairies. It's made from the wild Saskatoon berry, which resembles a blueberry but with tiny seeds like a raspberry.



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Playoff Battle of Alberta no longer a pipe dream

NHL

Flames neck and neck with Oilers after recent success

When four consecutive losses had the Calgary Flames floundering back in January, coach Glen Gulutzan saw a train ride as the perfect opportunity for a happy hour in motion that was anything but celebratory.

"I gave the guys some beer," he said. "We told the guys to take the headphones off and sit together and figure this thing out."

Riding the rails for two hours from Montreal to Ottawa gave the Flames a chance to essentially save their season. They have won 17 of 22 games since and went from on the bubble of making the playoffs to a team that will give opponents fits when the playoffs begin in three weeks.

Alberta is actually home to two of the hottest teams in the NHL: a three-hour drive to the north in Edmonton, the rival Oilers are rolling, too. The province will almost certainly have two playoff teams for the first time

since 2006 with the Oilers poised to end their 10-year post-season drought and the Flames set to make it for the second time in eight seasons.

Because Calgary has mighty-mite scorer Johnny Gaudreau and Edmonton MVP front-runner Connor McDavid, it's no longer crazy to dream about a "Battle of Alberta" playoff series, which hasn't happened since 1991.

"The rivalry is there (and) obviously it's gotten better this season because our teams are finally starting to win some hockey games," Oilers forward Matt Hendricks said. "Hearing the stories of the past and how great it was, the excitement level in Edmonton right now with hopefully playoffs right around the corner for our club, it would be very, very exciting."

When the Flames lost 5-1

to the Canadiens on Jan. 24, they were 24-24-3 and clinging to the second wild-card spot in the Western Conference. That was the week that turned Calgary's season around, and it started with some beer and conversation on that train.

"Guys were hanging out, having a good time, chatting with each other, joking around, having fun where normally guys would be headphones on

Nylander, Komarov lead Leafs past Blue Jackets

William Nylander and Leo Komarov each had a goal and an assist and the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 5-2 on Wednesday night.

Auston Matthews and Nazem Kadri also scored, and Frederik Andersen had 32 saves as Toronto stayed in the thick of the playoff hunt in the Atlantic Division. Nikita Zaitsev scored an empty-net goal after the Blue Jackets pulled their goalie for a sixth skater near the end. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Calvillo, Simon headline Hall of Fame inductees

They spent their CFL careers on different squads but quarterback Anthony Calvillo and receiver Geroy Simon will now forever be teammates.

The record-setting performers headline a solid 2017 class named for induction into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame.

Simon and Calvillo were both selected in their first years of eligibility Wednesday night in Regina. THE CANADIAN PRESS



The Oilers' Milan Lucic and Deryk Engelland of the Flames slug it out in a game won 7-3 by the Oilers on Jan. 21 in Calgary. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

watching their movies or playing cards," right-winger Troy Brouwer said. "I think just the camaraderie that we had on that train ride really showed a lot to the guys of how close a group that we are."

As Calgary tries to return to the playoffs under their first-year coach, the Oilers are in the pro-

cess of erasing a decade's worth of demons. They finally have their franchise goaltender in Cam Talbot, McDavid leads the league in scoring and second-year forward Leon Draisaitl has 65 points in 72 games. The debut season of the Oilers' new \$48-million Rogers Place arena happens to feature one of their best

teams in years.

"It obviously helps when our horses are carrying us night and night out," Hendricks said. "Cam's been outstanding. Connor's been outstanding. But I think the difference is those young core guys are really carrying the mail right now."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Sweet 16 teams also winning in class

Men's and women's basketball teams in this year's Sweet 16 are graduating more players and experiencing all-time high academic success.

The programs still alive in the NCAA Tournament are enjoying the best academic success since The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport on the University of Central Florida campus has been tracking the numbers, according to a study it released Wednesday.

This year, 15 of the 16 men's

teams, and all of the women's teams, that made it to the Sweet 16 have an Academic Progress Rate (APR) of 960 or better.

These programs are also graduating their players at a higher rate, with 81 per cent of the men and 100 per cent of the women holding a Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of at least 60 per cent. These numbers either equal or surpass all-time highs for this particular TIDES study, which has been in existence since 2003. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THURSDAY

MIDWEST

At Kansas City

- 1 Kansas (30-4) vs. 4 Purdue (27-4), 9:39 p.m.
- 3 Oregon (31-5) vs. 7 Michigan (26-11), 7:09 p.m.

WEST

At San Jose

- 1 Gonzaga (34-1) vs. 4 West Virginia (28-8), 7:39 p.m.
- 2 Arizona (32-4) vs. 11 Xavier (23-13), 10:09 p.m.

*All times ET

CURLING

Homan takes top spot for playoffs

Canada's Rachel Homan kept her unbeaten streak intact at the world women's curling championship on Wednesday, locking up first place in the round-robin standings in the process.

Homan (9-0) posted a 6-4 win over Sweden's Anna Hasselborg in the afternoon draw before topping Anna Kubeskova of the Czech Republic 9-3.

"We just keep our heads down, we work hard, and at the end of the week to be in this spot, it feels great," said Canada second Joanne Courtney. "But we still have a lot more work to do."

By clinching top spot, Homan, Courtney, vice-skip Emma Miskew and lead Lisa Weagle will carry last-rock advantage in the first end of the Page playoff 1-2 game on Friday night at the Capital Gymnasium.

Canada will close out round-robin play Thursday with tune-up games against Italy's Diana Gaspari and Denmark's Lene Nielsen.

"It feels pretty good, it's such a long week and it's nice to know now that we've got first place, we've got hammer, which we love," Miskew said. "It's a long round-robin and we're pretty excited to know that we're in that position."

Sweden rebounded after the Canada loss with a 6-5 win over South Korea's Eun Jung Kim to sit in second place at 7-2. Russia's Anna Sidorova was third at 6-3 after an 8-6 win over American Nina Roth. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Rachel Homan releases a stone against Sweden at the world championship in Beijing on Wednesday.

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GOLF

Teary Day bows out in Texas

Defending champion Jason Day lasted only six holes at the Dell Technologies Match Play in Texas until a heavy heart forced an early departure.

The opening round of golf's most unpredictable tournament took a stunning turn Wednesday when the third-seeded Day abruptly conceded his match to Pat Perez, then wiped away

tears as he revealed his mother has lung cancer. Day withdrew to be with her in Ohio for surgery on Friday.

"It's been a very, very hard time for me to even be thinking about playing golf," Day said. "And I know my mom says not to let it get to me, but it really has. So I just need some time away with her to make sure that everything goes well because this has been very, very tough for me."

Dustin Johnson had no trouble in his debut as the No. 1 seed. He had five birdies in his opening eight holes at Austin Country Club and there wasn't much Webb Simpson could do, but try to extend the match as long as he could. It lasted 15 holes in a 5-and-3 victory.

Rory McIlroy (No. 2) and Jordan Spieth (No. 5) were both beaten by Dane Soren Kjeldsen and Japan's Hideki Matsuyama respectively. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Jason Day
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Canadian teen Stroll at starting line of F1 career

MOTORSPORTS

18-year-old from Montreal debuting with Williams

It is rare to realize a life's dream at an early age, but you could see it coming for Formula One racing rookie Lance Stroll.

The 18-year-old, who was named as a driver for the Williams F1 team in

November, will make his debut in motor racing's top series this weekend at the Australian Grand Prix.

He will be the second-youngest to race in F1 after Max Verstappen, who began at 17 for Toro Rosso in 2015 before being promoted to the Red Bull team and winning the Spanish Grand Prix last summer.

Stroll landed the Williams ride after he became the youngest champion of the European Formula 3 series last year, winning 14 of



Lance Stroll
GETTY IMAGES

30 races.

"I've progressed a lot and I think I've reached a level of driving that I was aiming for," Stroll said after winning the title. "But

there is still a lot to learn because you always need to adapt to a higher level."

Of course, he also had the benefit of financial help from his billionaire father Lawrence Stroll, a diehard racing and Ferrari fan who has not

hesitated to dip into his vast resources to help his son reach his goals.

Some reports estimated that Lawrence Stroll, who made his fortune in the fashion industry, spent at least \$40 million US to get his son a seat in F1.

Lance Stroll acknowledges that the money helped, but he still had to prove himself on the track.

"For sure it's important to have sponsorships in F1 because, as we've seen, there have been good drivers who didn't make it because they didn't have solid backing," Stroll said in a recent interview. "It shouldn't be like that but it is, so it's good to have support."

Money can't buy talent, but that's not a problem for Stroll.

Vince Loughran, who runs the Mont-Tremblant track north of Montreal owned by Stroll's

father, said the young driver was impressive from the outset. And Loughran, who has worked in motor racing for more than 42 years, has seen youngsters make it to F1 before.

"I worked at Mont-Tremblant when Gilles Villeneuve came to take (race) driving lessons in 1973," he said of the former Ferrari ace who died in a crash at the 1982 Belgian Grand Prix. "I also saw Gilles' brother Jacques and his son Jacques Villeneuve (the 1997 F1 champion for Williams) take lessons here."

"Now, it's Lance's turn."

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Canada draw with Scotland

It seemed only fitting that Fraser Aird, who has ties to both countries, was the star

man in Canada's 1-1 tie with Scotland in a soccer friendly Wednesday.

Aird, a former Scotland

youth international, scored Canada's goal as the underdog Canadians (ranked 117 in the world)

avoided defeat for the first time in six career meetings with the 67th-ranked Scots.

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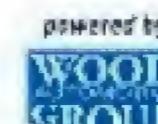
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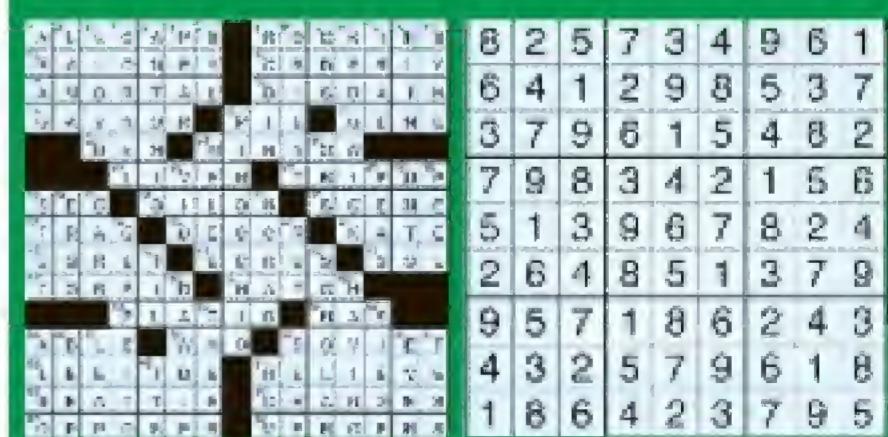
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- salt and pepper
- 1 tsp lemon zest
- 2 or 3 good squeezes of lemon juice

• 1/4 to 1/3 cup grated Parmesan

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.
2. Wash and dry the broccoli very well. Scatter on a baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle a good pinch of salt and pepper.
3. Pop in a hot oven for 20 to 25 minutes until the broccoli starts to char slightly at the edges.

4. Remove from the oven and toss with lemon juice and zest. Transfer to your serving dish and cover with the grated cheese.

Blueberry Grunt

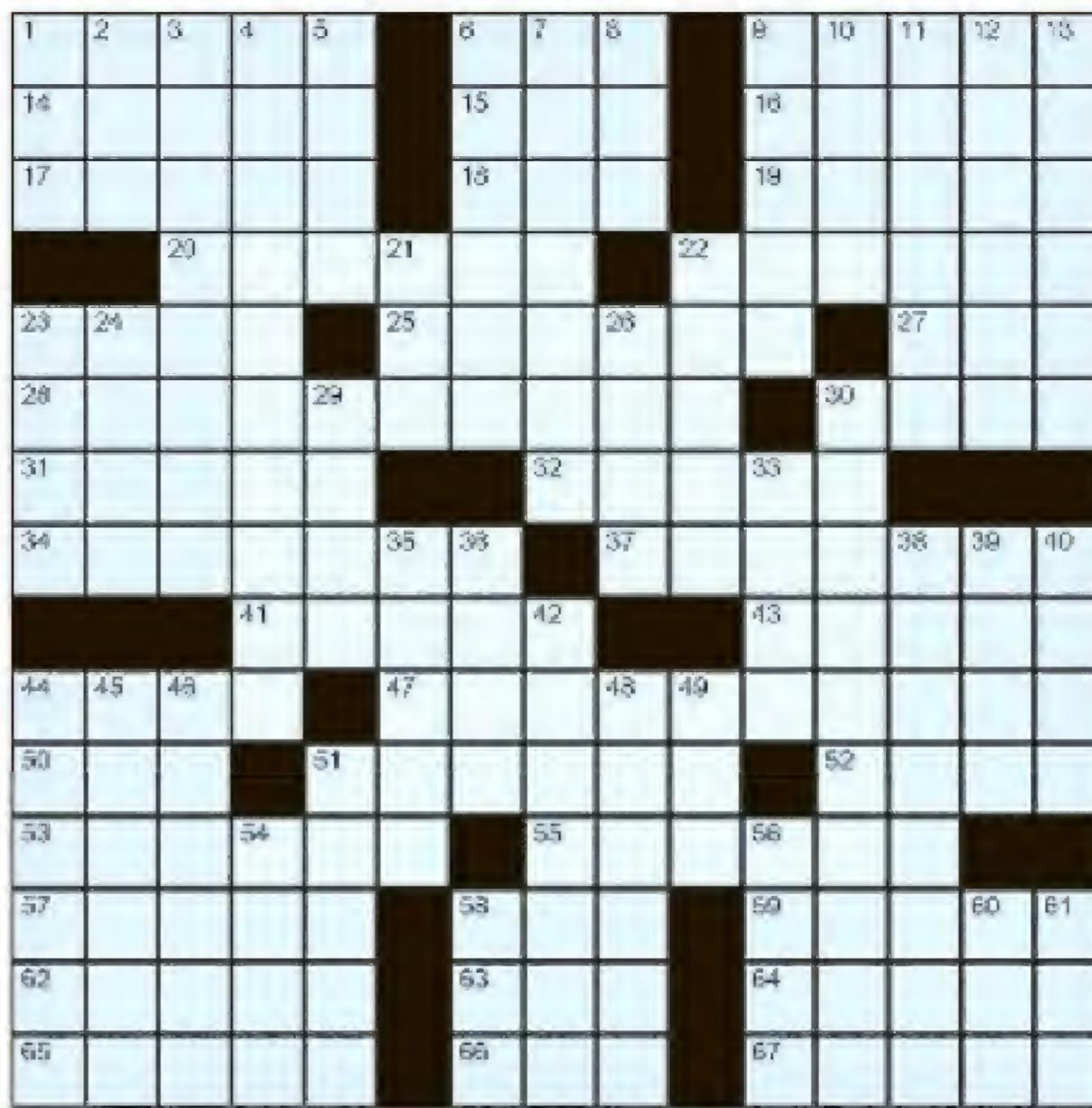
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9. Gather up
14. Son on classic sitcom "My Three Sons"
15. "State _ Main" (2000)
16. Sacred choral piece
17. Greenish-blues
18. Y's Canadian spelled-out follower
19. Go in
20. Comic strip, For _ or For Worse
22. Doesn't really know
23. Entertainment production
25. Flourish
27. Modern
28. Pembina Valley community in Manitoba approximately two hours southwest of Winnipeg; 2 wds.
30. Some Smarties
31. Burning
32. Steven Seagal movie, "Under _" (1992)
34. Identifying stock exchange symbols
37. Bridge framework
41. French writer Mr. Zola (b.1840 - d.1902)
43. Ventilated
44. Awaken
47. Nunavut; Part of Baffin Island, _ Peninsula
50. Write
51. Spoken
52. Car race, _ 500



53. Pasta brand
55. Movie shoot dailies
57. "The Love Boat" bartender
58. Tunsmith
59. Not qualified
60. Not qualified
61. Not qualified
62. 'Four'-meaning prefix
63. Rap music's Kim
64. Cake's coating
65. Ranch animal
66. Tip to 'ment' (Factor)
67. Communicates via smartphone

DOWN

1. Jiffy
2. _ humour
3. Steroid sort
4. Excavating employee
5. Fruit fly, for one
6. Summerhome's shady shelter
7. Burdensome

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*IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You might be obsessed with something today. Furthermore, you might demand that you get your way. Lighten up.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you have to do research today, you probably will be successful. You won't stop until you find what you're looking for. You'll be like a dog with a bone.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Conversations with friends and groups will be intense today, because people are purposeful and bossy. Avoid someone if he or she is coming on too strong.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Try to be tactful during conversations with bosses and parents today, because power struggles might take place. If people disagree, they quickly will begin to argue.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Do not try to coerce others into your way of thinking, especially about politics, religion or racial issues. However, this is a good day to study something, because you have focus.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Arguments about how to divide or share something today might arise. Arguments about shared responsibilities also might be a problem. Try to avoid these arguments.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone might try to force his or her point of view on you today, or vice versa. This doesn't promote a happy relationship, does it?

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Because you are obsessed with something today, you can tackle a routine job and get a lot done. You also might study and learn something new at work.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Romantic partners might have trouble today, because this is not an easygoing day. People want their own way and they're not prepared to compromise. Yikes.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Because you might be obsessed with something today, you actually can use this energy and get a lot of work done.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Avoid family debates today — they will accomplish nothing. However, if you roll up your sleeves, you can do some hard work at home, especially related to bathrooms, plumbing, garbage and recycling.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't come on too strong when talking to others today, because you are tempted to do that. Remember: You get more flies with honey than with vinegar.

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